

## CONGRESSIONAL.

## The Senate Devotes Three Hours and a Half to Executive Business—The House Wrangles Over Printing.

Rogers Introduces a Bill to Abolish the Tobacco Tax and Duty on Lumber, Coal, Salt, Wool and Blankets.

## Fiftieth Congress.

## THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Mr. Blair presented a memorial and resolutions of the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor in favor of investigation into the management of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and for such legislation as will prevent the debasement of currency notes, etc., and also for investigation as to the present method of supplying postage stamps, etc.

After the introduction of a number of bills, petitions, etc., the Senate devoted three hours and a half to executive business and then adjourned.

Among the petitions presented was one asking for a change in the postal laws so that "papers, books, novels, blood and thunder stories" shall not be sent through the mails as second class matter (paying 1 cent per pound) while school, law, scientific and religious books have to pay 4 cents per pound.

## THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, chairman of the committee on printing, submitted the report of that committee on the Grosvenor resolution directing it to inquire into the cause of the delay in supplying to members copies of the Daily Record. The report contains a letter from the Public Printer, stating that the delay has only happened upon two occasions, and in each case was caused by the failure of the clerks of the House to furnish the copy until a late hour. There is also a letter from the Clerk of the House, stating that this fact was due to the immense number of private bills introduced through the printing office. Assurance is given by both these gentlemen that there will be no delay in future in the delivery of the Record.

Mr. Hopkins of Illinois moved to recommit the report with instructions to the committee to extend its inquiry to the delay in the printing of bills and other public documents.

Mr. Springer of Illinois defended the Public Printer and asserted if there was any delay in the printing of bills it was due entirely to the large number of measures introduced.

Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio criticized the printing office for the tardiness with which the printing required by Congress was furnished.

Mr. Rogers of Arkansas regarded this criticism as part and parcel of the arraignment of the Democratic party before it came into power; before the election that the country was going to "damnation" if the Democrats were successful; but they had waded along through a couple of years without any serious complaints having been made.

The treasury had not been raided. The soldiers had been taken care of, the public debt was being paid off and the country seemed to be safe, but there was always somebody to complain of something. If the gentlemen desired to investigate the acts of any public man they ought to ask for an investigation in a manly way.

Mr. Cox of New York, thought the House and its committees were largely responsible for the delay in printing, and during the last fiscal year the Public Printer had disposed of a large amount of printing ordered by previous Congresses, most of it important.

Mr. McMillan of Tennessee, declared it was the custom of the Public Printer to print bills in the regular order of their introduction. He thought Congress was to blame for the delay in the printing of bills because it ordered the printing of quantities of stuff which none but a crank would write, and none but a fool would read.

Mr. Grosvenor, referring to Mr. Rogers' remarks, suggested that that gentleman did not agree with the statement made to the House on the second day of the session that there was hanging over the country a portentous cloud about to break in thunder storms and earthquakes of commercial disaster and cyclones of commercial ruin.

Mr. Hopkins' motion was defeated, yeas, 108; nays, 140.

The report of the committee on printing was agreed to and the committee was discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Under call of states the following bills and resolutions were introduced and referred:

By Mr. Rogers of Arkansas, for the protection of United States officials in the Indian Territory, also to protect Indian lands from unlawful sale.

By Mr. Anderson of Kansas, to prevent the counterfeiting of currency by the withdrawal of national bank notes from circulation.

By Mr. McComas of Maryland, to prohibit speculation by officers of national banking associations.

By Mr. Hayden of Massachusetts, to establish a postal telegraph system.

By Mr. Rice of Minnesota, to establish a graduated income tax.

By Mr. Wilson of Minnesota, to place lumber, coal and salt on the free list.

By Mr. Mills of Texas, authorizing the purchase of United States bonds by the Treasury.

By Mr. Kilgore of Texas, abolishing the tax on tobacco and the duty on lumber, coal, salt, wool and blankets.

By Mr. Townshend of Illinois, to retire national bank notes and substitute Treasury notes therefor; also to regulate the compensation paid to railroad companies for the transportation of mails.

Mr. Shaw of Maryland, chairman of the committee on accounts, reported a resolution assigning clerks to all the committees of the House.

Mr. Perkins of Kansas offered an amendment providing that every committee of the House should have as many clerks as there are members on the committee, one to be selected by each member; that the clerk selected by the chairman shall be chief clerk and that the other clerks shall receive a salary of \$75 per month, and that when a member is more than one month absent he shall only have the right to appoint one clerk.

The amendment, which is designed to give every member a clerk, is drawn in this form to make it germane to the resolution and so subject it to a vote of order. After a brief discussion Mr. Perkins' amendment was rejected, yeas 164, nays 181, and the vote occurred upon the resolution reported by the committee on accounts. This was antagonized by the Republicans for the reason that it provides clerks for the committees on expenditures in the various departments, although in response to a question from Mr. Randall, Mr. Shaw stated it would only increase by twenty-one the number of clerks authorized by the Forty-ninth Congress.

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## To Be Put on the Market.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
ABILENE, TEX., Jan. 16.—The GAZETTE reporter is informed through County Surveyor Thomas that he will at once leave for the western part of the county to survey and cut up into quarter sections four leagues of land. One league belongs to Grimes county and known as the Grimes county school land and the remainder to non-residents residing in Grimes county. After he makes the survey the land will be offered for sale at \$5 per acre.

## AUSTIN.

Superintendent Cooper Advises the Greer County Commissioners Against Disposing of School Lands.

Purchasers of University Lands in Arrears Notified to Pay Up—some Delinquents Holding Back.

## Special to the Gazette.

AUSTIN, TEX., Jan. 16.—The three parties now under arrest charged with the safe robbery at the International depot Sunday morning call themselves George Drew, Joseph Ogden and Thomas Edmondson, all strangers but having the appearance of gentlemen. Ogden says he hails from Kansas City.

The Comptroller this morning deposited \$33,000, of which \$13,000 was to the school fund.

The charter of the Laboring Colored Man's Association of Sherman was filed today. The objects are to assist those in distress and protect themselves against monopolies.

Superintendent Cooper to-day wrote the following letter:

Honorable Commissioners Court of Greer county, Mangum, Texas:

GENTS—I have been officially advised that an effort has been made to dispose of the county school lands of Greer county. If such be the case I desire to most earnestly advise against any such action until the delicate relations between the United States and Texas relative to Greer county shall have been permanently adjusted. It is impossible under the present conditions to realize the full value of the county school lands and in this matter the permanent interests of Greer county at present and of the children for all future time are involved. I need not say in addition that any action of your court which would apply the proceeds of these lands to any other purposes than the maintenance of public schools will be void.

Very truly yours,  
[Signed] OSCAR H. COOPER,  
Superintendent of Public Instructions.

He also made the following ruling: I rule that a regulation requiring pupils to give evidence concerning disorder is reasonable and sometimes necessary for the maintenance of discipline and correction of evils, especially such as involve conspiracy. It follows that such a regulation passed by a school board is legal and may be enforced.

The City Council, by two-thirds vote, killed the ordinance to issue \$200,000 city bonds, ostensibly for street improvement.

The Attorney General is notifying every purchaser of University lands who is in arrears in interest payments that if the money is not promptly paid an he will sue for the sale of the lands to enforce payments. Somewhere back the arrears amounted to about \$30,000.

The delinquents are beginning to pay up, but some are holding back. One of the leases is for 119,860 acres to C. C. Slaughter.

Treasury receipts to-day \$8920 for school fund and \$57,293 63 for general revenue.

Applications have been filed with the State Land Commissioner this month for leases aggregating 20,127 acres of school land. In addition to this including old applications leases have been secured aggregating 208,380 acres of school lands.

Nature's Own True Laxative.

The delicious flavor and healthy properties of sound, ripe fruit are well known, and seeing the need of an agreeable and effective laxative the California Fig Syrup Company commenced a few years ago to manufacture a concentrated Syrup of Figs which has given general satisfaction that it is really a superior laxative.

It is a pleasant medicine and is sold in bottles of 50 cents and \$1 bottles by Threlkeld & Lyne, druggists, Fort Worth.

John Nall Turns Up Alive.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
WACO, TEX., Jan. 16.—John W. Nall, who was reported as murdered some weeks ago near Patrick, this county, was brought to-day by Detective Waller and put in jail. Nall was out on bond for murder and his reported death was a preconcerted scheme to defeat trial and at the same time relieve his bondsmen, who were his friends, of any liability.

California Canned Goods.

These famous goods are used by people in all stations of life from the rising to the setting of the sun. They are the choice because of their purity, being even better than when picked from the tree. The Fort Worth Grocer Co. can supply you.

Lampbrush's Garden Seed.

This season we have a large supply of seeds in bulk from the old reliable house of D. Landreth & Sons. Wholesale or retail. Fort Worth Grocer Co.

Black Walnut, Oakes and Maple Syrup.

These you can get at the Fort Worth Grocer Co., and now is the time to eat them.

Cranberries, Cranberries.

Order these from the Fort Worth Grocer Co. They are getting fresh shipments every few days.

Goatsnouts, Oregans and Lemons.

Send your orders for these to the Fort Worth Grocer Co. They keep the best it is possible to get.

Vermont Maple Syrup.

For distribution, but the genuine native maple article of maple syrup in one gallon cans, at the Fort Worth Grocer Co's.

Pickled Pig Tongues.

The best preparation is sold only at the Fort Worth Grocer Co's. Try them and you will find this to be the case.

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Sunshine for Little Children is a large 24-page folio, printed from large type, on the finest toned paper, and containing some of the best wood engravings ever shown in this country, and bound in cover tastefully decorated with colored lithographs. The reading matter has been carefully selected to secure the highest literary and moral value. It is edited by the Rev. J. Henry Smythe, D. D.

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## IMMIGRATION.

## El Paso Overrun with Excurionists. Many of Whom Cross the Rio Grande to Witness a Bull Fight.

Fisher, Erath and Estland Among the Counties Effecting Organization--The Work Goes Rapidly on.

## California Excurionists.

## Special to the Gazette.

EL PASO, TEX., Jan. 16.—The city is overrun with eastern excurionists. The Rymond and Whitcomb party comprising about 100 people, spent yesterday in town, and were followed to-day by about 1500 more, who came over the Texas and Pacific, and hall from all the western states. A large number went across the Rio Grande this afternoon to see the bull fight, but the majority after taking in the town left for California.

## Fisher County Organizes.

## Special to the Gazette.

RONEY, TEX., Jan. 15.—The people of this county met here yesterday and perfected a permanent organization for the immigration work by electing W. L. Harrell, chairman, and R. C. Crane, secretary, with the following committee, viz: R. C. Crane, Dr. J. Davis, C. E. Roy, W. L. Harrell, J. R. Charles, W. C. Bacon and R. M. Clayton. This committee was given plenary power in the matter of making known to the world the resources of the county. Hon. H. Sayles, of the central committee, was present, and assisted in organization of the committee. He says the organization will let the outside world know that this county has in it about 125,000 acres of as rich land as can be found anywhere, that can be bought from the state at from \$2 to \$1 per acre.

## Indorsed by the Erath County Alliance.

## Correspondence of the Gazette.

DUBLIN, TEX., Jan. 14.—The convention of the Erath County Alliance, which met here on the 11th inst., adjourned last night at a late hour, after a very interesting meeting. It was presided over by Ryan Jones, state president. There were about 100 delegates present and an immense number of visiting members, both male and female. On Thursday at 2 o'clock p. m. the meeting was given up to public speaking, and the audience was addressed by R. F. Butler, editor of the Dallas Mercury, Judge Nugent and Ryan Jones on the important issues of the day. At night there was a mass-meeting held in the opera house, which was filled, and consisted of the Alliance delegates and visitors and citizens of Dublin on the immigration question. The meeting was addressed by quite a number of speakers, among whom was one Colonel Barbee, who had just returned from Virginia, who in his speech showed very forcibly the necessity of advertising Texas as it is, as he said there were in the neighborhood where he had been at least 400 poor citizens who would like to come to Texas, but owing to the conflicting reports they had gone out from our state in the last few years, they hesitated. After a lively discussion on the subject the following committee was selected to draft a resolution: J. T. Harris, chairman; D. M. Humph, Judge T. L. Nugent and R. F.

Butler. They presented the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that we are in hearty sympathy with the immigration move now being agitated in our state so far as it looks to securing that class of immigrants who expect or desire to secure permanent homes among us and assist us by honest, intelligent co-operation in developing the vast natural resources of our state, and to all such we offer the opportunity to secure permanent homes second to none to be found in the United States.

The mass-meeting then adjourned.

## Meeting at Cisco.

## Correspondence of the Gazette.

CISCO, TEX., Jan. 15.—Yesterday afternoon delegates from the different precincts in the county met in the Alexander hall and organized a county immigration convention. Hugh Corrigan called the meeting to order and explained the object, and read a letter from Hon. Henry Sayles, recommending a county organization.

On motion, Judge R. M. Back of Eastland was elected temporary chairman, and Y. B. Howell, temporary secretary.

It was moved and carried that the names of delegates be recorded: Precinct No. 1—R. M. Black, Mart Hill, W. F. Connelley, and C. U. Connelley; Precinct No. 2—H. B. Reid and E. T. Watson; Precinct No. 3—; Precinct No. 4—E. H. Tanner, B. Y. Baiso, T. M. Shugart and J. J. Tanner; Precinct No. 5—; Precinct No. 6—Hugh Corrigan, O. T. Maxwell, Charles T. Alexander, T. B. Wheeler, T. E. Bailey, John Winstone, Nat Hall, J. E. Luce and Y. B. Howell; Precinct No. 7—R. R. Wells; Precinct No. 8—W. B. Train.

On motion, the chair then appointed T. B. Wheeler, C. U. Connelley, R. R. Wells, T. M. Stuart and E. T. Watson a committee on permanent organization. They retired and in a few minutes returned and reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved 1. That a president, vice-president and secretary, who together with one member from each precinct, shall constitute an executive committee on immigration for Eastland county. The president, vice-president and secretary shall be elected by the county convention. The other members of the executive committee shall be elected by their respective precincts. The members of this committee shall hold office for one year and until their successors are elected and accept the trusts. In case of the death or resignation of any member of the executive committee his place shall be filled by an election in his precinct. This committee shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations for its government as it shall see proper.

2. The annual immigration convention of Eastland county shall be held on the first Saturday after January 1, of each year.

3. It shall be the duty of the president to call together the members of said executive committee on his own motion or when petitioned by any three members of said committee, and he shall preside over their meetings. In case of his inability or refusal to act, the vice-president shall act in his stead.

4. It shall be the duty of the secretary to keep the books of the association, to countersign all checks on the treasurer drawn by the president, and keep a strict account of the same, and all moneys received by the executive committee, and perform such other duties as the executive committee may require.

5. Six members of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum to do business. It shall be the duty of said executive committee to prepare or have prepared a description of Eastland county and make contracts for advertising. This committee shall devise ways and means for defraying the expenses of the advertisement of the resources of Eastland county and for the distribution of the same.

6. That all moneys raised for advertising or other purposes shall be placed with the county treasurer and paid out by him on warrants signed by the president and attested by the secretary. At the end of each year a full statement of expenditures verified by such warrants shall be made to the county convention.

7. That all members of the executive committee shall be ex officio delegates from this county to any senatorial immigration convention that may be called by the chairman of this senatorial district.

8. That every precinct of this county which shall come into the county organization shall elect members of the executive committee and furnish their proportion of the funds shall be entitled to its share of the advertisements printed, and can have them to distribute as it sees fit. The same to be delivered to the member of the executive committee from that precinct.

9. The president shall designate the time and place of electing the members of the executive committee from each precinct and such executive committee shall hold their first meeting at such time and place as shall be indicated by the president. Subsequent meetings shall be at such place as shall be designated by said committee.

[Signed] T. B. WHEELER, For Committee.

In accordance with the above resolutions, the convention proceeded to the election of permanent officers.

C. U. Connelley was chosen president, Dr. S. H. Stout vice-president and Charles T. Alexander secretary.

## Meeting at Georgetown.

## Special to the Gazette.

GEORGETOWN, TEX., Jan. 16.—A very large and enthusiastic meeting was held in this city this evening for the purpose of organizing a county immigration association. Hon. Bryan T. Barry was elected permanent chairman and E. O. Call permanent secretary of the association. The following names constitute the executive committee: H. G. Damon, Jack Evans, James Gritty, E. O. Call, R. S. Nablett, Bryan T. Barry, J. F. Stone, S. J. T. Johnson. The First National Bank treasurer. Great enthusiasm was manifested and we are determined to let the advantages of Navarro county be known. A local association for the city was also organized.

Waco to Have a Meeting.

## Special to the Gazette.

WACO, TEX., Jan. 16.—A mass-meeting of the citizens of the county will meet to-morrow in the courthouse on the immigration question. On account of the very inclement weather and bad condition of the roads very few county people, comparatively, will be in attendance.

The Finest Roads in the World At Anderson's New Store

## A NEW SCHEME.

How the Reading Company May be Compelled to Make a Settlement.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 16.—For several days there has been under consideration by leading men in the order of Knights of Labor the advisability of bringing suit by the commonwealth through the Attorney-General against the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and Coal and Iron Company to compel them to do certain things which it is alleged they are obliged to do under the charter and the various privileges granted by the state. One charge is that the companies, by refusing to settle with the men, are "cornering" coal and other necessities for the purpose of enhancing their value and extorting an exorbitant price from the community.

Another charge relates to the responsibility of the companies as common carriers, it being alleged that on account of the company's action, men are employed who do not give the best service, and whose efforts would result in delay and loss to the community. There are other charges which have been discussed, and it is said some legal proceedings will shortly be instituted. A movement was started to have Congress appoint a committee of investigation upon the ground public interests warrant it, but after further consideration it was decided to postpone application for a Congressional committee until the Attorney-General of the state could be heard from.

GET THE DEAD WOOD

Houston's Street Car Company Will Not Help to Pay for Street Paving.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.  
HOUSTON, TEX., Jan. 16.—Houston is authorized under the city charter to pave its streets at the expense of abutting property owners and the street car company occupying the street. The charter also provides that in case of failure to pay by property owners the lien can be enforced in the proper court. The contractors Boyd & Co., have finished paving Congress street, but the cost assessed against the Street Railroad Company amounting to about \$8000 has not been paid. To help the contractors against the street car company the City Council passed an ordinance prohibiting the company from relaying track on Congress street without the consent of the Council. When the street car company commenced relaying track the men were arrested. The street car company sued out an injunction to restrain the city from interfering with its men. The case was heard to-day, Judge Masterson holding that the original grant to the company of right of way was a vested right, and could not be nullified by subsequent act of the Council. This injunction was perpetuated.

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